

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 1, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman James J. Eardley at 4:00 p.m. on July 1, 2014, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman James J. Eardley, Administrator Dean J. Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Christine S. Hall. Commissioner Alan Gardner participated telephonically due to illness.

Chairman Eardley announced that this is the first Commission meeting without the presence of Commissioner Dennis Drake, who has resigned his position on the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Drake was a great asset to Washington County and will be missed.

Commissioner Eardley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for June 18, 2014 through July 1, 2014
- Consideration of Approval of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2014 and June 3, 2014
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property (attached)
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (attached)
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatement: Howard Call, A/N 0837742; Renee Kimball, A/N 0745532
- Consideration of Renewal of Education Affiliation Agreement between Dixie State University and Washington County for Health Screenings and Educational Opportunities at Senior Centers by Nursing Students
- Notice of Acknowledgment of Publishing: Adoption of Ordinances 2014-1040-O and 2014-1041-O on Saturday June 21, 2014

**MOTION:**     **Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley and Gardner voting aye.**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUEST(S) / MARK BLANCH**

No items were presented today.

**CONSIDERATION OF RATIFICATION OF 2014 PRIMARY ELECTION  
CANVASS / KIM M. HAFEN**

Washington County Clerk-Auditor Kim M. Hafen presented the results of the June 24 2014 Primary Election, showing that Evan J. Vickers received 53% of the vote for the Washington County portion of Senate District 28, which also includes Iron and Beaver Counties; Brock Belnap received 55.32% of the vote for County Attorney; and David B. Stirland received 56.41% of the vote for School Board District 5 (the Hurricane area).

Mr. Hafen expressed his appreciation for the dedicated election staff in his office and for the good work done by poll workers and other volunteers.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Ratify the Results of the 2014 Primary Election Canvass, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley and Gardner voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1821, A RESOLUTION  
APPOINTING A WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER DUE TO THE  
RESIGNATION OF COMMISSIONER DRAKE**

Chairman Eardley said that earlier this year, Commissioner Drake accepted an assignment from his church which forced his resignation.

Nick Lang, Chairman of the Washington County Republican Party, said that, consistent with Utah Code 20A-1-508, the Executive Committee of the Washington County Republican Party voted unanimously to nominate Victor Iverson to fill that vacancy until the expiration of the term. At the general election on November 4, 2014, Commission Seat B will be voted upon by the public.

Mr. Iverson congratulated the leadership of Washington County and appreciated the opportunity to be a part of that leadership, serving the public with the same integrity and dedication demonstrated by his predecessors.

Chairman Eardley said that at the end of the Commission meeting, Mr. Iverson will be officially sworn into office by Clerk-Auditor Kim M. Hafen.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Adopt Resolution No. R-2014-1821, A Resolution Appointing Victor Iverson as Washington County Commissioner Due To The Resignation Of Commissioner Drake. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley and Gardner voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1822, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THREE CONTRACTS FOR THE PROVISION OF FOOD PREPARATION AT VARIOUS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTERS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY**

Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke said that the Council on Aging, which supervises the Senior Citizens Centers in Washington County, put out to bid several food provider contracts. The funding for senior citizen lunches comes through a federal grant, administered by the Five County Association of Governments. After reviewing proposals and interviewing applicants, the Director of the Council on Aging recommends the following three companies: Catering by Donalene (St. George), Katering by Katie (Hurricane), and Country Cooking Catering (Enterprise).

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Adopt Resolution No. R-2014-1822, A Resolution Approving Three Contracts For The Provision Of Food Preparation At Various Senior Citizens Centers In Washington County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley and Gardner voting aye.

**PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL FIRST UTAH'S INDEPENDENTS WEEK**

County Administrator Dean Cox read the Proclamation in its entirety and explained that the intent is to support local businesses and entrepreneurs.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Approve the Proclamation in Support of Local First Utah's Independents Week, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley and Gardner voting aye.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

No items were presented today.

### **PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS**

Public Works Director Ron Whitehead reported on current Road Department projects:

- The Road Department is working with the Forest Service to use money that is earmarked for some of the trailheads in Pine Valley, including the handicapped-accessible bridge to the Reservoir
- The Road crew begins skim-patching some of the roads in the Kolob area which are in a state of disrepair from winter weather. They will then fix some potholes and plan to do a chip-seal the first week in August. Mr. Whitehead asked the public to be aware of work going on there
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) projects will now commence after having received final approval from the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Work will begin in the Santa Clara River area, with the first project being the connection road between Gunlock Highway and the Jackson/Motoqua area roads.

### **COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS**

No items were presented today.

#### ***Request a Closed Session***

None.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

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CHRISTINE S. HALL  
DEPUTY CLERK

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JAMES J. EARDLEY  
CHAIRMAN